

# The Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

## 4030 Highway N · Cottage Grove, WI 53527

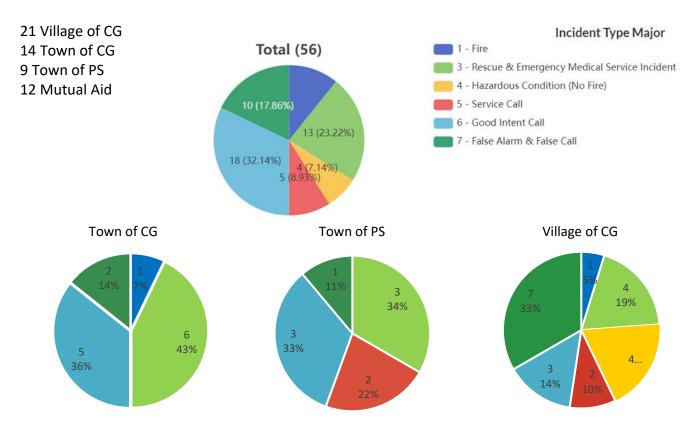


#### **Chiefs Report**

Staff Info Total Staff: 45 Officers: 10

Driver Operators: 2 Firefighters: 28 Probationary: 5

**56** Calls for service as of 3/17/2023. This is an average of .74 calls per day. If this pace were to continue the estimated number of calls at the end of the year would be 270.



Apparatus Info: Car 1 has been staffed continuously since being put into service by one of the 3 chief officers. New Tender 1 has begun production. The chassis is fully assembled, and they have begun building the truck on the Kenworth chassis.

Equipment Info: Radios have arrived at Gencom and are being programmed. We should take delivery of the portables soon. The mobile radios will not be installed until May 1<sup>st</sup> due to backlog at Gencom.

Training Information: Training for February was air consumption drills and facepiece fit testing. During this training members wear full turnout gear and work as hard as they can and are timed to see how long an air



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bottle will last. This allows us to estimate how soon a member will need to be swapped out at a structure fire. Members also have their facepieces tested for proper fit. March training will be wildland fire training with the Wisconsin DNR. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, several members went through the Wisconsin DNR ATV Safety Training and achieved certification.

Staff Milestones:

Emma Dabbs (3/2021): 2 Years Katie Miller (3/2018): 5 Years

Other News: The Department held the annual corned beef and cabbage fundraiser on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be sending 2 members to the Wisconsin Professional Honor Guard Training. The department will also be sending several members through Car Seat Safety Check Training.